indispensable for general practice, are deemed to be 'special and expensive drugs,' the cost of which is recovered from all patients. In the interests of poor patients suffering from Tuberculosis, the Government have sanctioned an annual expenditure of Rs. 40,000 on the purchase of Streptomycin for free administration in certain Government hospitals up to the limits prescribed for those institutions. On this analogy the Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 40,000 per annum on the purchase of Chloromycitin and Auromycin which are also costly drugs and are found useful in the treatment of Typhoid and other septic cases for free administration to poor patients in certain select institutions. The Superintendents of the select hospitals should administer the costly drugs free of charge to poor patients within the quota sanctioned for the hospital. Patients with an income of less than Rs. 500 and Government servants entitled to free medical attendance have to pay full or half the cost of drugs at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Hospital. In cases where the cost is not recovered in full, the reasons therefor should be recorded in writing."

Causeway across the Chitravathi river, Tadpatri taluk.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of construction of a causeway across Chitravathi river near Yellanur village, Tadpatri taluk, and a bridge across the Chitravathi river near Gorantla in Hindupur taluk of Anantapur district; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. The construction of a causeway across the Chitravathi river near Yellanur village, Tadpatri taluk, is on a District Board road and it is estimated to cost Rs. 1·5 lakhs. The Anantapur District Board is not in a position to execute it from its funds.

" The construction of a bridge at Gorantla at Mile 30/3 of the Kadiri, Palasamudram Road is on a major District Road under the control of the Government. The cost of constructing the bridge at the place is estimated at Rs. 1·08 lakhs. As the financial resources available are not adequate even for the schemes in execution, the two schemes can be taken up only later, in their turn."